

2nd Annual Canada-U.S. Exchange Alumni Conference
“The Challenge of Globalization: Balancing Growth and Diversity”
March 3-4, 2006, Toronto, Ontario

From the alumni conference planning committee...

This conference represents not just an opportunity for our alumni community to network and share our unique set of insights on the future of North America, though that is worthwhile. Beyond that, it is an opportunity to apply those insights, along with our collective, diverse expertise and experiences, to the difficult questions of the day. Globalization affects all of us, and we have a role to play in charting a course that will set us in the right direction -- towards a peaceful, secure, prosperous, socially just, and culturally rich world community.

The Alumni conference planning committee plans on compiling a written record of the 2nd Annual Canada-U.S. Exchange Alumni proceedings. This written record would include an overview of overall conference discussions, conclusions arrived at by small discussion groups, possibly policy suggestions, and recommendations for future programming events. The report would then be submitted to the Department of State and Foreign Affairs Canada, who support Canada-U.S. exchanges, and other program partners.

We look forward to your joining this event, with your ideas, energy, and vision of how our community can advance the goals we all share.

Alumni planning committee

David Anido	President, Stayt International. Member of the Board of Directors, Canadian Conference of Defence Associations Institute (CDAI—policy advisor on military/defense/intelligence/anti-terrorism issues)
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Remarks from participants in the April 2005 inaugural Canada-U.S. Exchange Alumni Conference, “Building Strong Communities, Fostering a Sustainable Future”

As a participant in the International Visitor Program, the 2005 Conference provided me with a way to further my understanding of Canada-US Relations and build upon the relationships I formed through the program. These opportunities to come together and forge stronger relationships based on issues that affect us all are tremendously effective in increasing goodwill and creating a growing pool of understanding and collaboration.

Kim Blanchette, 2003 International Visitor

It was with great pleasure that I took part in the April 8-9, 2005 Fulbright Alumni Conference in Vancouver entitled Building Strong Communities: Fostering a Sustainable Future. In a time of political turmoil and change, it was refreshing to hear about ideas and policies that can better unite Canada and the U.S. and about how we can further the bilateral relationship between these two countries. All participants agreed on the necessity to make this kind of conference an annual event.

Marc Dupont, 2005 Canadian Fulbright Scholar

As a Canada-U.S. Fulbright Scholar, I had the pleasure of attending the inaugural Canada-U.S. Exchange Alumni Conference in Vancouver. The conference venue at Simon Fraser University and the accommodations at the Metropolitan Hotel were excellent, the speakers were informative, and the break-out sessions were spirited and engaging. The conference organizers should be commended for assembling such a diverse group of participants to discuss Canada-U.S. relations. I look forward to participating in future conferences.

Susan Maguire, 2005 American Fulbright Scholar

I very much appreciated the opportunity to attend this thought provoking conference. From the keynote talk on migration to the final sharing of ideas about Canada-U.S. relations, it was inspiring. I enjoyed meeting a lot of new people, and I thought that the mixing of different disciplines and walks of life created a marvelous community.

Alexandra Pett, 2001 American Studies Institute